

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BLM, LOWER SNAKE RIVER DISTRICT

**CER Title Page, CE Citation, and Decision Record**

Applicant (if any)		Proposed Action <b>Porter Creek Salvage Sale</b>		Categorical Exclusion No. <b>ID-110-2006-CE-3108</b>	
State <b>Idaho</b>	County <b>Boise</b>	District <b>Boise</b>	Field Office <b>Four Rivers</b>	Authority <b>Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976</b>	
Prepared By (signature) <i>Michelle S. Jones</i>		Title <b>Forester Technician</b>	Field Exam Date(s) <b>6/22/2006</b>	Report Date <b>7/27/2006</b>	

**LANDS INVOLVED**

Meridian	Township	Range	Section(s)	Subdivision(s)	Acres
BOISE	T8N	3E	21,22	NE1/4NE1/2 Section 21 NW1/4NW1/2 Section 22	20 acres

**CE CITATION**

The proposed action is listed as a Categorical Exclusion in Section 11.5 of 516 DM11, C(2). Category description: It does not meet any of the twelve criteria for exception contained in 516 DM 2, Appendix 2. Therefore, neither an Environmental Impact Statement nor an Environmental Assessment is required. Cultural and Threatened and Endangered species clearances are attached.

**DECISION RECORD**

**The decision is to salvage log the damaged dead and dying trees on a 20 acre parcel in the Porter Creek drainage. There will be some thinning of the suppressed and intermediate trees, which are causing the vigor loss and increasing the susceptibility of the large pine to bark beetle. Less than one half of the trees present would be harvested. This action will also reduce the fire hazard due to the dead trees. No new roads will be built. Access will be obtained using the current road. All yarding will be done with a crawler tractor or rubber tired skidder. All slash will be hand piled at landings upon completion of logging. The potential purchaser will pile the slash or the BLM fire crews will pile and burn the slash.**

**Rationale:** It has been determined that:

1. The proposed action does not involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources and, therefore, alternatives do not need to be considered.
2. Only a few simple and straightforward mitigation measures, if any, are needed to avoid or reduce impacts.
3. There are no program-specific documentation requirements associated with the action under consideration, which would preclude its use.
4. The proposed action is located in an area covered by a valid land use plan or planning analysis and conforms to that plan.

I have reviewed this categorical exclusion including the explanation and resolution of any potentially significant environmental impacts. I have determined that the proposed action with the mitigation

measures described below will not have any significant impacts on the human environment and that an EIS/EA is not required. I have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan. It is my decision to implement the project with the mitigation measures identified below.

**Mitigation Measures/Remarks:**

- Timber harvest activities will comply with the requirements of the Idaho Forest Practices Act.
- Skidders will not run lengthwise along draw bottoms for a distance of more than 50 feet.
- Directionally fell and yard away from draw bottoms.
- Any prescribed fires will meet State and Federal air quality standards and regulations.

The proposed action is in conformance with the Cascade Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (1988).

Rosemary Thomas  
Field Office Manager

8/14/06  
Date

Reviewed by Environmental Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part 1 – Plan Conformance Review**

This proposed Action is subject to the following land use plan: Cascade Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement.

**Date Plan Approved: July 1, 1988**

The Proposed Action has been reviewed for conformance with the Cascade Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement. (43 CFR 1610.5, BLM MS 1617.3).

Remarks: Forest Management, Page 59 of CRMP.

**Part 11 – NEPA Review**

**Categorical Exclusion Review:** This proposed action qualifies as a categorical exclusion under 516 DM2, Appendix 1. Categorical Exclusion Category description: (1) mechanical hazardous fuels reduction activities are limited to 1,000 acres.

**Exceptions Review:** Review the twelve exceptions which apply to individual actions within categorical exclusion. Environmental documents (EA or EIS) must be prepared for any actions involving these exceptions.

List of Exceptions	Specialist Signature/Date	Comments/Explanation
1. Have significant adverse impacts on public health or safety.	Michelle Jones 8-24	none
2. Have adverse effects on unique geographic characteristics, historic or cultural resources, park, recreation or refuge lands, wilderness areas, wild or scenic rivers, sole or principal drinking water aquifers, prime farmlands, wetlands, floodplains, or ecologically significant or critical areas, including those listed on the Department's National Register of Natural Landmarks.	Cultural Dean C. Shaw 8-23-06	
3. Have highly controversial environmental effects.	Michelle Jones 8-24	none
4. Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.	Michelle Jones 8-24	none
5. Establish a precedent for future actions or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.	Michelle Jones 8-24	none
6. Be directly related to other actions with individually insignificant, but cumulatively significant environmental effects.	Michelle Jones 8-24	none
7. Have adverse effects on properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.	Dean C. Shaw 8-23-06	
8. Have adverse effects on species listed or proposed to be listed on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated critical habitat for these species.	Plants	NES 8/13/06
	Wildlife -T. H. H. H.	8/23/06
9. Require compliance with Executive Order 11988 (Floodplain Management), Executive Order 11990 (Protection of Wetlands), or the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.	Michelle Jones 8-24-06	none
10. Threaten to violate a Federal, State, local or tribal law requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.	Michelle Jones 8-24	none

<p>11. Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.</p> <p>12. Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species. ( Federal Noxious Weed Control Act 13112)</p>	<p>Michele Jones 8-24-06</p> <p>Michele Jones 8-24</p>	<p>none</p> <p>none</p>
<p>I certify that none of the Departmental exceptions listed in the above Part B (516 DM 2, Appendix 2) apply to this action.</p> <p>Remarks:</p> <p>Preparer(s): Michele Jones, Forester Technician, Four Rivers Field Office      Date: 8/14/2006</p>		
<p>Authorized Official: Rosemary Thomas      Date: 8/14/06</p>		